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- On 3 November 1953, former Arado aircraft designer Schmoldt and about four designers from the Pirna Materialamt, started working at VEB Schiffbau (shipbuilding) in Berlin with Schmoldt working on the construction of machines and the other designers on ship construction. Source learned that more designers from Pirna would follow. VEB Schiffbau was assigned a second cadre chief who also came from Pirna. All employees of the Berlin office believed that after 1 January 1954, when Friedrich Toppe was to take over, the office would work on aircraft construction and that the planning and designing office for shipbuilding would be transferred to the coast.
- Source learned that the Dessau labor office had prepared lists for the employment of former Junkers personnel and concluded that the Junkers plants at Dessau would resume production in January 1954.
- A section chief at the Ministry of Transportation and Farming Machine Construction stated that the disbanded Reich Administration for Transport Machine Building would resume its activities on 1 January 1954.

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- the construction staff in the high building of the Junkers plant in Dessau and several well known engineers, stated that in mid-August 70 architects and draftsmen were still employed in this building and that this personnel would be reduced to 30 by 31 August 1953. They also said that a small staff of the former designing offices was still working at the RAW Plant at Dessau and in Pirna, and that the rooms of the former secret office were vacated and the frosted glass windows replaced by ordinary glass windows although the bars were not removed. On 22 August 1953, the bookkeeping and registration office of the plant for gas instruments moved into these rooms. Two new permanent engine test stands were noticed at the site of the former test stands near the spur track in a southern portion of the airfield. The buildings, about 10 x 10 x 15, were open on top and constructed with hard burned dark bricks.

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- On 9 September 1953, source learned that the technical personnel of the Pirna Materialamt scheduled to be transferred to the Koenig Construction Office would remain at their former working place.
- Source learned that a project to start operation in about June 1953 at a large new assembly hall at the RAW Plant in Dessau Sued for which personnel had already been assigned and which was stopped because of the June riots, would be resumed on 1 January 1954.

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


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7. The office in charge of the reconstruction of the Junkers Plant at Densau and subordinate to the Ministry of Interior, after extensive reductions, had an office force of about 20 persons doing some final work. Engineer Meichsner (Tnu), a member of the reconstruction office, stated that in his opinion the reconstruction project of the Junkers plants was stopped because of lack of material and for financial reasons and would be continued in 1954.

-  8. On 30 September 1953, the Pirna Materialamt was closed and its engineers and technicians were dismissed. The experts, who were told that they would soon be requested for another project, were still unemployed on 30 October 1953.

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1.  Comment: Measurement unit not indicated.

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2.  Comment: The buildings of the Pirna Materialamt were occupied by the RVP maintenance school in late September or early October 1953.

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